

**THE MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS
OF
PÉTANQUE ENGLAND**

a company limited by guarantee

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DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1. Words and expressions in these Membership Regulations shall have the same meaning as in Pétanque England's Articles of Association.

2. In these Regulations:

“Accredited Deputy” means a person who is duly appointed by resolution and is a voting member of the body being represented;

“Act” means the Companies Act 2006;

“Affiliated League” means an independent group of clubs who are affiliated to Pétanque England from time to time;

“Articles of Association” means the articles of association of Pétanque England;

“Article” means a provision within the Articles of Association;

“Authorised Intermediary” means an intermediary appointed by the Board for the purposes of collecting Membership Fees;

“Board” the board of directors of Pétanque England for the purpose of the Act as appointed or elected from time to time under the Articles of Association;

“Chair” the individual appointed as the highest officer of an organisation;

“Club” a group of at least six (three in the first year) Individual Members (to include a President, Treasurer and Secretary) with a Constitution admitted from time to time by the Board as Members in accordance with Article 11 (b) with at least three of the Individual Members being 18 years or older as of the 31 December of the membership year;

“Geographical Area” means the boundaries of the Region as agreed by the Board;

“Group Member” any organisation appointed as a Group Member pursuant to Articles 11 (b), 14 and 15 and as provided for in Regulations 6(b) and 9.

“Honorary Life Member” means an Individual Member who has been recognised by the Board for their exceptional services to, or achievements in, the sport of pétanque.

“Individual Member” a person appointed as an Individual Member pursuant to Article 11(a) and as provided for in Regulation 6(a);

“Member” any individual or organisation appointed as an Individual Member or a Group Member in accordance with the Articles of Association;

“Membership Fees” means the fees payable by Members to Pétanque England and to Regional Associations being the National Membership Fee and Regional Membership Fee respectively;

“Official Rules” means the FIPJP Official Rules for the Sport of Pétanque.

“Primary Club” means the Club nominated by the Individual Member as their main club for competition purposes;

“Primary Region” means the region initially selected by a Club during its application process;

“Region” means the regions in a geographical area defined by the Board from time to time;

“Regional Associations” means those associations admitted by the Board from time to time as regional association members in accordance with Regulations 9(b) and 12(b) and having paid such membership fee as determined by the Board;

“Regulation” means a provision within these Membership Regulations;

“Secretary” means the individual appointed from time to time to represent a Group Member;

3. References to writing include references to any visible substitute for writing and to anything partly in one form and partly in another form.
4. Words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa; words denoting one gender include all genders; words denoting persons include bodies corporate (however incorporated) and unincorporated, including unincorporated associations of persons and partnerships.
5. Headings are inserted for convenience only and do not affect the construction of these Membership Regulations.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS

6. In accordance with Article 11, Pétanque England shall have two classes of Member:
- (a) **Individual:** persons who play, coach, umpire, officiate or organise pétanque or are in any way connected with the sport of pétanque. The categories of Individual Members shall be:
- Adult Members who shall be aged 18 and over on 31st December of the current year
 - Junior Members who shall be aged under 18 on 31st December of the current year
 - Honorary Life Members
- (b) **Group:** certain organisations as specified in these Membership Regulations.

7. The adult and junior membership fees shall be at the rate determined by the members at an annual general meeting and the benefits of membership of Pétanque England will not be available until the relevant Membership Fees have been received by Pétanque England. Honorary Life Members are exempt from paying membership fees by virtue of their status.

8. An Individual Member shall be entitled to receive notice of, attend or speak at and vote at general meetings of Pétanque England. Individual Members are entitled to participate in courses, awards and events organised by Pétanque England and any other service offered by Pétanque England. They are also eligible to serve as a member of a National Committee or Sub-Committee of Pétanque England. An Individual Member shall not be eligible for election or appointment to posts at either national or regional level within a period of four years prior to such proposed election or appointment, if they have a proven Disciplinary Charge under Pétanque England Disciplinary Regulations.

9. As provided for in Article 15 the sub-categories of Group Members shall consist of:

(a) **Clubs**

A Club shall be eligible for membership of Pétanque England and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine.

A Club shall also be eligible for membership of the Regional Association in which it is located, and receive the benefits offered by that Regional Association.

Any Club wishing to gain affiliation with Pétanque England shall agree and determine its own written constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations.

Each Club who is a Member shall be entitled to send their Chair or an Accredited Deputy to attend and speak at but not vote at general meetings of Pétanque England.

(b) **Regional Associations**

A Regional Association shall be eligible for membership of Pétanque England, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine.

A Regional Association shall agree and determine its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations and provided it shall have been approved by the Board.

It shall also be entitled to set a regional subscription.

Each Regional Association who is a Member shall be entitled to be represented by their respective Chair or Accredited Deputy, to attend and speak but not vote at general meetings of Pétanque England.

(c) **Affiliated Leagues**

An Affiliated League shall be eligible for membership of Pétanque England, and shall pay such Membership Fees and enjoy such rights and privileges as the Board shall from time to time determine.

An Affiliated League shall agree and determine its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations and provided it shall have been approved by the Board.

It shall also be entitled to set a league subscription.

Each Affiliated League who is a Member shall be entitled to be represented by their respective Chair or Accredited Deputy, to attend and speak but not vote at general meetings of Pétanque England.

MEMBER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

10. Each category of Member shall enjoy such rights and privileges as are contained in the Articles of Association and additionally:

(a) each Individual Member and Group Member shall be entitled to electronic access to a copy of Pétanque England's handbook and Annual Report and Accounts.

- (b) each Individual Member whose required Membership Fee has been received by Petanque England has the right to play pétanque organised within Pétanque England.
- (c) an Individual Member may be a member of more than one Club, but must select one Club as their Primary Club, notifying each Club of their decision.
- (d) an Individual Member must pay the appropriate annual Membership Fees together with any regional subscription as appropriate.
- (e) it is the Member's responsibility to ensure that the Membership Fees due are paid direct to Pétanque England or other Authorised Intermediary as appointed by the Board.
- (f) no Group Member or Individual Member may enter a team for open tournaments or trials, courses or awards until all required Membership Fees have been paid.
- (g) Individual Members have the right to take part in pétanque through playing, umpiring, coaching, scoring, timekeeping, mentoring, tutoring and testing, and may participate in the services supplied by Pétanque England
- (h) each Individual Member shall provide Pétanque England with their name and address to whom all communications are to be sent (such Individual data to be stored in accordance with Pétanque England's data protection policies), and shall keep Pétanque England informed of any change in the name and/or address.
- (i) each Group Member shall provide Pétanque England the name and address of its Secretary or other Accredited Deputy, to whom all communications are to be sent, and shall keep Pétanque England informed of any change in the name and/or address of such representative.
- (j) any Individual Member is entitled to seek advice and/or technical assistance from Pétanque England
- (k) in accordance with Article 104, Members shall be bound by and subject to and shall act in accordance with the Articles of Association, these Membership Regulations, Pétanque England Codes of Conduct, the Official Rules and any standing orders, decisions, rulings or other findings or orders of any nature made pursuant to any regulations or the Official Rules.
- (l) each Group Member shall be responsible for ensuring that all of its players, officials, coaches, spectators, and all persons purporting to be its supporters or followers, conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and refrain from violent, threatening, abusive, obscene or provocative behaviour, conduct or language, whilst attending or taking part in a match, tournament or

event in which the Member is involved.

BECOMING A MEMBER

11. Individual Members

Application for membership as an Individual Member, shall be made by completing an application along with payment of the appropriate Membership Fees.

The recommendation shall be forwarded in writing to the Board at any time and must contain information to lend support to it.

Membership shall not be denied to any individual on the grounds of age, disability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or belief.

12. Group Members

(a) Clubs - Application for membership by a Club shall be made by completing an application form.

The Club will be considered to be based in and become a member of the Regional Association it selects as its Primary Region as part of the application process.

Upon acceptance of a Club's application the Board shall consider transfer of Primary Region on request only if it is supported by the Regions concerned, and if the Board is of the opinion that it is in the interests of pétanque or of the Club.

- **Regional Associations** - Membership by a Regional Association of Pétanque England becomes active each season following receipt by Petanque England of the appropriate Membership Fees.

The boundaries of each Regional Association shall be determined by the Board after consultation with the Regions within the affected Regional Association(s)

Each Regional Association shall be responsible for carrying out the administrative plans made and the policies formulated by the Board under the terms of these Membership Regulations, but shall have no power to alter the Official Rules or to overrule the decisions of the Board.

Each Regional Association shall serve as a forum to coordinate and organise activities, regional competitions, arrange technical courses, elect representatives to serve on National Committees and in particular to plan and help in the growth and development of pétanque within the Region.

Each Regional Association shall be administered by a regional management committee

Each regional management committee shall be responsible for the actions, decisions and finances of its Regional Association.

Each Regional Association shall assist in disseminating relevant information from the National Committees to its member Clubs.

(c) Affiliated Leagues

Each Affiliated League shall agree its own constitution provided it shall not conflict in any respect with the Articles of Association or these Membership Regulations or other Regulations.

An Affiliated League shall have no power to alter the Official Rules or to overrule the decisions of the Board.

Each Affiliated League shall be administered by a league management committee which shall be responsible for the actions, decisions and finances of its respective Affiliated League.

Each Affiliated League shall be encouraged to disseminate relevant information from the National Committees to its member Clubs.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

13. Pétanque England National Membership Fees

Pétanque England Membership Fees may be set according to criteria established by the Board and approved in accordance with Article 26(e). Membership Fees may vary within the sub-categories of Individual Members depending on the criteria including but not limited to Membership Fees dependent on age categories.

Annual Membership Fees payable from 1 April each year are advised on the Pétanque England website.

Membership Fees for new Individual Members may be submitted any time and are valid from the date cleared funds are received by Pétanque England until 31 March.

The Board may appoint an Authorised Intermediary as an agent for Pétanque England, for the purposes of collecting annual Membership Fees from Members, on such conditions as the Board may determine and may at any time remove such appointment.

14. Pétanque England Regional Membership Fees

Regional Associations may also set Membership Fees in accordance with their constitution. All Individual Members registered to a Club will be required to pay the Regional Membership Fee of the Club's Primary Region.

If an Individual Member wishes to access the benefits of another Regional Association they will be required to pay the respective Membership Fees.